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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

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These documents were cited in an European Search Report in the European Patent Application related to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/667,500. Also, for the Examiner's convenience, attached is a copy of the European Search Report in which these documents were cited.

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